

**Indian Education Committee Mtg.
Coeur d'Alene Casino
October 5, 2005**

A regular quarterly meeting of the Indian Education Committee was held on October 5, 2005 at the Coeur d'Alene Casino Hotel in Worley, Idaho.

Present:

Eleven (11) members were present with a voting quorum of ten (10) established:
Present: **Pat White**, Ex-Officio Member (non-voting), SDE; **Beverly Klug**, Idaho State University; **Bryan Samuels**, Lapwai School District; **Bob Sobotta, Jr.**, Lewis-Clark State College; **Bob Sobotta, Sr.**, Coeur d'Alene Tribal School; **Scott Willison**, Boise State University; **Marjorie Zarate**, Coeur d'Alene Tribe; **Tom Flint**, North Idaho College; **Ms. Claire Manning-Dick**, Sho-Pai Tribes; **Brenda Honena**, Sho-Ban Tribes; **Georgia Johnson**, University of Idaho;
(Note: The actual Committee composition is 18 members with fifteen (15) members holding voting privileges.)

Not Present:

Ms. Velma Bahe, Kootenai Tribe; **Terry Gibson**, Shoshone-Paiute; **Anthony Johnson**, Nez Perce; **Ms. Doreen Manuel**, Kootenai Tribe; **Nancy Murillo**, Shoshone-Bannock; **Vacant**, Nez Perce Tribe; **Ernie Stensgar**, Coeur d'Alene; **Sherry McKnight**, Ex-Officio Member (non-voting); **Kyle Prior**, Shoshone-Paiute Tribes

Guests/Presenters:

Dr. Marilyn Howard, State Dept. of Education; **Dr. Jana Jones**, State Dept. of Education; **Doyle Anderson**, ISU College of Business; **Chris Meyer**, Coeur d'Alene Tribal School; **Lisa Guzman**, Lewis Clark State College; **Yolanda Bisbee**, U of I; **Judy Mitchell**, Washington State University; **Dennis Warner**, Washington State University; **Paul Allan**, Washington State University; **Jim Leffler**, Northwest Regional Educational Laboratory

Bryan Samuels Conducting

Introductions

Announcements

Donna McArthur has retired. She was the Secretary from the Southeastern Region.

Brenda Honena is the new Sho-Ban Tribal Representative.

Diane Boothe is the new Dean at BSU (Bryan would like her to come to the spring meeting and talk about her book on gifted and talented).

Sheila Hewett has been appointed to the IEA Teachers Association Board

Dr. Howard would like to hire a full time Indian Education Coordinator. It must be approved by the legislature first.

The State Board of Education will hold hearings regarding the High School Redesign. The State Board has proposed new graduation standards: 4 years of math, 3 years of science and a senior project. The number of credits to graduate will increase. Eighth graders must have a C average in core classes and pass pre-algebra in order to go on to high school.

Standards are being re-written and should be on the State Board website November 2nd for public review, then adopted in the spring.

Concerns

ISAT

- Two studies have been done comparing the Idaho Standards Achievement Tests (ISAT) and the Idaho State Standards. Northwest Regional Educational Laboratory (NWREL) and HUMMEL both show that the Idaho Standards Achievement Tests (ISAT) are not aligned with Idaho State Standards. Concern: schools are not meeting AYP based on a test that is not aligned with the state standards.

High School Redesign

- Concern: students who would excel in areas that are generally electives (art, music, etc.) will not have the opportunity because of the four year requirement for math and the three year requirement for science.
- Concern: some students will give up and drop out or be pushed out of school because they won't be able to keep up with the new math and science requirements. Too many Native American kids are dropping out already.
- Concern: Schools with Native American students will not be able to get enough qualified teachers for math and science areas.
- We need better quality instruction, not more courses.

Native American Representation

- There is no Native American representation on the State Board of Education.

Motions

Motion: The Indian Education Committee requests that the State Board of Education and the State Department of Education consider AYP designations prior to and including 2005 to be invalid and that those designations start over again in 2006-2007 due to the mismatch between the Idaho Standards Achievement Tests (ISAT) and the Idaho Standards.

Motion by Bob Sobotta, Sr., Second by Marjorie Zarate

Motion passed.

Motion: This committee supports and embraces a position within the State Dept. of Education entitled American Indian Education Officer.

Motion by Scott Willison, Second by Bob Sobotta, Sr.

Motion passed.

Motion: The Indian Education Committee does not support the redesign proposal by the State Board of Education for elementary schools, middle schools and high schools.

Motion by Chris Meyers: Second by Tom Flint:

Motion passed.

Meeting Adjourned.

Next Indian Education Committee Meeting is December 16, 2005 in the Len B. Jordan Building Room 201 in Boise, Idaho. 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.